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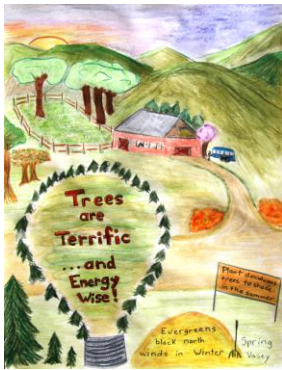
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Spring Vasey, a fifth-grade student from Lincoln, is Delaware's National Arbor Day Poster Contest Representative. Alyse Lanette of Glasgow Christian Academy in Bear is the State Winner for Grades K-4.

DOVER— A poster by Spring Vasey, a home-schooled fifth-grade student at Water Girl Farm Academy in Lincoln, has been selected as Delaware's representative in the Arbor Day Foundation National Poster Contest. Vasey's poster will compete against entries from all over the United States for the chance to win \$1000 and a trip to Nebraska if selected as the national winner. The honor also includes a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a ceremonial tree planting at the winner's school. [\(photo\)](#)

Alyse Lanette of Glasgow Christian Academy in Bear, whose poster won top honors for New Castle County Grades 3-4, was also selected as the overall State Winner among all entries in Grades K to 4. For her efforts, Lanette receives a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a ceremonial tree planting at her school. [\(photo\)](#)

An "art gallery" of this year's award-winning posters will be on display when all of the winners and their families are invited to meet Governor Jack Markell and participate in the state's official Arbor Day ceremony at 12:30 p.m. on April 28 at the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village—site of the newly opened exhibit: "Forestry in the First State."

This year's theme of "Trees are Terrific... and Energy Wise" attracted so many outstanding posters that the selection committee created a new "honorable mention" award in each of the categories. In the fifth-grade category, Lauren Phillips of Newark's Christ the Teacher School won second place, and Ricardo Diaz of Seaford's Blades Elementary captured third place. Each will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a tree planting ceremony at their school.

Winners (and honorable mentions) were selected in each county at three levels: Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, and Grades 3-4. Here is the complete list of winners:

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2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners

Trees are Terrific... and Energy Wise!

Grade 5 National Representative – Spring Vasey – Water Girl Farm Academy, Lincoln ([photo](#))
State Winner – Alyse Lanette – Glasgow Christian Academy, Bear ([photo](#))

New Castle County

Kindergarten	Huda Kose – Kose Homeschooling, Newark (photo)
Grades 1-2	Yusuf Kose – Kose Homeschooling, Newark (photo)
Grades 3-4	Alyse Lanette – Glasgow Christian Academy, Bear (photo)

Kent County

Kindergarten	Chris Vrhovac – McIlvaine Early Childhood Center, Magnolia (photo)
Grades 1-2	Gina Valdez – Banneker Elementary, Milford (photo)
Grades 3-4	Logan Clough – Clayton Elementary, Clayton (photo)

Sussex County

Kindergarten	Mercy Winston – Winston Learning Academy, Milford (photo)
Grades 1-2	Lake Vasey – Water Girl Farm Academy, Lincoln (photo)
Grades 3-4	Daniel Winston – Winston Learning Academy, Milford (photo)

Grade 5 - all three counties

1st – (National Representative) Spring Vasey – Water Girl Farm Academy, Lincoln ([photo](#))
2nd – Lauren Phillips, Christ the Teacher, Newark ([photo](#))
3rd – Ricardo Diaz, Blades Elementary, Seaford ([photo](#))

Honorable Mention Awards

New Castle County

Kindergarten	Kate Monaghan – Christ the Teacher, Newark (photo)
Grades 1-2	Adam Abdon – Jennie Smith Elementary, Newark (photo)
Grades 3-4	Furkan Kose – Kose Homeschooling, Newark (photo)

Kent County

Kindergarten	Rania Jack – Booker T. Washington Elementary, Dover (photo)
Grades 1-2	Aaliyah Feliciano – Towne Point Elementary, Dover (photo)
Grades 3-4	Jasmine Hendy, Clayton Elementary, Clayton (photo)

Sussex County

Kindergarten	Madison Walsh – Frederick Douglass, Seaford (photo)
Grades 1-2	Grace Winston – Winston Learning Academy, Milford (photo)
Grades 3-4	Timothy Venable – Honor Academy, Milford (photo)

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